

Exhibit 1

Project Description

The Park and Ride expansion project will be rebuilt on approximately 2.4 acres of existing property located on Amargosa Road, just west of the southbound I-15 on-ramp at Bear Valley Road. Upon completion, the City will enforce the existing maintenance agreement with CALTRANS which involves minor maintenance and upkeep. The maintenance will be managed in-house by the Public Works Department maintenance staff of the City of Victorville.

Specifically, the project intends to rehabilitate the existing paved parking areas as well as paved the dirt areas currently used to accommodate the parking overflow. The expansion will require additional earthwork, drainage work, as well as installation of new light posts, paving, striping, security fencing, signing and curb work. There is an existing concrete swale that bisects the site which will be removed and replaced with an underground drainage system. The site perimeter will be landscaped.

The design would also accommodate an existing bus service in the immediate vicinity of the project site by providing a bus bench and shelter.

Exhibit 1- Project Purpose and Need – Cont'd

In early 1990, a 70-space Park and Ride lot was constructed by Caltrans at the south east corner of the Bear Valley/Amargosa Roads intersection, adjacent to the I-15 southbound on-ramp in the City of Victorville. The site is strategically located next to many businesses (including the Victor Valley Mall), and adjacent to Bear Valley Road considered as a main access road not only to the City of Victorville but to other cities in the high desert area.

This facility has been fully utilized on a regular basis, oftentimes beyond capacity with as many as 50 vehicles parking off the existing asphalt and on the unpaved portion of the property. Additionally, the existing asphalt pavement is severely cracked with large potholes and excessive weed growth. Caltrans has been unable to maintain, let alone rebuild, the existing lot and, as a result, the lot has been allowed to become dilapidated.

Because this Park and Ride Lot is centrally located within the Victor Valley and it is also within the Victorville City limits, Victorville contacted Caltrans to discuss the idea of rebuilding and expanding the lot. Caltrans responded favorably, and Victorville sought grant funds to rebuild and expand the existing Park and Ride Lot.

As a result of the increased need for additional Park and Ride spaces, as well as the public's increased awareness of the benefits of commuter programs like park and ride lots and down-the-hill commuter service, Victorville has partnered with Caltrans to rebuild the existing Park and Ride Lot. This project will provide a free and convenient location for commuters from Hesperia, Apple Valley, Adelanto and Victorville to safely park their vehicles while promoting the idea of carpools for commuting to work. No use of diesel vehicles is expected at this particular facility. The existing use is limited to individuals that have informally organized commuter programs. The local transportation authority has evaluated the potential of using this park and ride for formal commuter programs. However, the use was no alternatives found feasible.

Currently, existing bus stops throughout the City do not provide turnouts which cause delay and detrimental effect to traffic flow especially during peak hours. This park and ride will provide a bus stop outside existing right of way that will improve traffic conditions in the surrounding area.

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Currently, bus turnouts for local stops are not provided along Bear Valley Road or Amargosa Road. The proposed facility will replace an existing bus stop located in the vicinity of the project site. Thus, this facility will not create additional diesel/truck traffic as it will accommodate CNG busses from an existing bus stop. This relocation will improve traffic condition by reducing delay time due to bus stop parking along existing roadways and will ensure safety of bus operations.

Furthermore, there are four intersections in the project vicinity located at Amargosa Road, I-15 SB Ramps, I-15 NB Ramps and Mariposa Road which are currently coordinated under the current operating system these four intersections operate at LOS F. The proposed park and ride in conjunction with improvement to the multi-jurisdictional traffic signal system will improve the level of service at this intersection.

Describe potential traffic redistribution effects of congestion relief

The ultimate objective of this Park and Ride project is to improve air quality by measurably reducing vehicle emissions by removing single occupancy vehicles from, and reducing congestion on, the Interstate freeway system. The proposed project is consistent with the California Clean Air Act and the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management Plan.

In addition, this transfer point facility will also serve as a bus stop, in lieu of an existing one in the vicinity of the project, thus improving the safety and convenience of bus operation and congestion created by stopped traffic.

In addition to the air quality benefits, the proposed improvements will eliminate vandalism, reduce air emissions due to the existing unpaved area, reduce traffic incidents inside the facility due to an unsignalized facility with no designated load and unload zones and it will also provide an adequate waste disposal system to properly that will improve the aesthetics of the site. The proposed improvements to the park-and-ride will be highly beneficial to the high-desert community as well as our environment.